

IN THE SPECIFICATION

- Please replace the TITLE of the application with the following amended title:

OPTICAL RECORDING METHOD AND OPTICAL RECORDING DEVICE
USING A TEST WRITING AREA

- Please replace Published Application Par. [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

This encoded information is also used as an identifying code for individually identifying makers and recording media. Writing characteristics for each recording medium designated by the code described herein are previously stored in a recording device side. Then, the recording device obtains various kinds of parameter groups related to writing and an optimum parameter group corresponding to the identifying code is selected and employed upon ~~writing~~ writing data. This method is called a write strategy in which the optimum value of the laser output is designated when a laser pulse is partly changed in the direction of a time base and an intensity in accordance with an EFM pulse length.

- Please replace Published Application Par. [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

In the drive of the CD-R or the DVD-R, a laser power during recording data is controlled, that is, an R-OPC (Running Optimum Control) is carried out. It is an object of the R-OPC is to absorb an unevenness in reflectance in the inner and outer peripheries of the optical disc, the change of a spot intensity distribution due to a ~~coma~~ chroma aberration that is generated by the skew of the disc, and the change of laser wavelength due to a temperature rise.

- Please replace Published Application Par. [0090] with the following amended paragraph:

The drive control unit 19 of the disc drive 3 performs the OPC operation to begin to write the data after the optical disc 2 is inserted into the disc drive 3. When the reference value of the R-OPC is obtained, the drive control unit 19 sets a status in the system control unit 15 side. As long as the status is held, even when a record and a stop are repeated, the previously obtained R-OPC value is employed. Further, when a cover of a disc insert part is opened, the status of the system control unit 15 side is ~~rest~~ reset. Then, when the status of the system control unit 15 side is cleared, it is recognized that the optical disc 2 is replaced by another optical disc to perform the OPC operation.